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THE EXECUTIVE ORDER ISSUED DECEMBER 24, 1976 EXTENDING  
THE LIBERIAN TERRITORIAL SEA TO 200 MILES WAS APPROVED  
BY THE LEGISLATURE FEBRUARY 16, 1977 AND BECAME LAW  
WITH ITS PUBLISHING MAY 10, 1977. THE FULL TEXT IS  
AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE:

AN ACT TO APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE ORDER ISSUED BY THE  
PRESIDENT OF LIBERIA ON DECEMBER 24, 1976

IT IS ENACTED BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, IN LEGISLATURE ASSEMBLY:

SECTION 1. THE EXECUTIVE ORDER ISSUED BY THE  
PRESIDENT OF LIBERIA ON DECEMBER 24, 1976 AS SET OUT  
FULLY BELOW, IS HEREBY APPROVED:

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EXECUTIVE ORDER  
EXTENDING THE TERRITORIAL SEA OF  
LIBERIA TO 200 MILES

WHEREAS, AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AND DELINEATE THE  
TERRITORIAL SEA AND CONTIGUOUS ZONE OF THE REPUBLIC  
OF LIBERIA WAS PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF LIBERIA

AND APPROVED JUNE 24, 1968; AND  
WHEREAS, BY THAT ACT, THE TERRITORIAL AREA OF  
THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA WAS EXTENDED TO A DISTANCE OF  
12 NAUTICAL MILES FROM THE BASE LINE OF THE REPUBLIC  
OF LIBERIA; AND  
WHEREAS, IT HAS NOW BECOME NECESSARY TO PROVIDE  
FOR ADEQUATE PROTECTION OF THE COASTLINE OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA AND PRESERVE THE INTEREST OF THE  
LIBERIAN PEOPLE OVER AN EXTENDED AREA OF THE SEA  
ADJACENT TO THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA;  
NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM R. TOLBERT, JR.,  
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, BY VIRTUE OF THE  
AUTHORITY IN ME VESTED DO HEREBY DECLARE THAT,  
EFFECTIVE AS OF THE DATE OF THIS ORDER, THE  
TERRITORIAL SEA OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA SHALL  
EXTEND TO A DISTANCE OF TWO HUNDRED (200) NAUTICAL  
MILES FROM THE BASE LINE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 24TH  
DAY OF DECEMBER, A.D. 1976.  
SIGNED: WILLIAM R. TOLBERT, JR.  
PRESIDENT OF LIBERIA

SECTION 2. THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY  
UPON PUBLICATION IN HAND-BILLS.

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